

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8 and 16.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A vehicle lift comprising:
 - a) a pair of spaced-apart ramps;
 - b) at least two cross members attached to and supporting the pair of spaced-apart ramps, each of the at least two cross members further having at least two opposed end blocks and at least one pulley attached to each end block;
 - c) four spaced-apart U-shaped columns, each of the U-shaped columns having a base, a top cap, located opposite the base, and a cross member receiver slot wherein the ~~end blocks on~~ the cross members are slidingly received in the slot and the end blocks and associated pulley are retained within the column;
 - d) a hydraulic cylinder; and,
 - e) a plurality of cables, each cable fixed at one end substantially in the center of the top cap of one of the U-shaped columns and routed around the pulley at the end block and the opposite end to the hydraulic cylinder, so that when the hydraulic cylinder is actuated, upward and downward movement of the cross members and the spaced-apart ramps occurs.
2. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 1, further comprising a plurality of spaced-apart locking tabs fixed in at least one of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns.

3. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 2, further comprising a locking mechanism fixed to at least one of the end blocks of the at least two cross members, adjacent the at least one U-shaped column having a plurality of spaced-apart locking tabs fixed therein, the locking mechanism further comprising a locking latch linked to a mechanical lever whereby actuation of the mechanical lever causes the locking latch to engage one of the plurality of spaced apart locking tabs in the U-shaped column, thereby preventing vertical movement of the cross member within the cross member receiver.

4. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 2, further comprising at least one tire block removably mounted on at least one of the spaced-apart ramps.

5. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 2, further comprising at least one drip tray removably mounted between the pair of spaced apart ramps.

6. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 2, further comprising a caster mounted adjacent the base of each of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns.

7. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 2 further comprising a flexible slotted dust cover mounted over the cross member receiver slot of each of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns.

8. (Cancelled)

9 (Currently Amended) A vehicle lift, comprising:

- a) four spaced-apart U-shaped columns, each having a base and a top cap;
- b) a pair of ramps;
- c) at least two cross members supporting the pair of ramps, each of the at least two cross members having opposing ends slidably received ~~and held~~ within a cross member receiver slot in one of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns;
- d) an end block fixed to each end of each cross member, the end block having dimensions greater than the dimensions of the cross member receiver slot such that the end block and attached cross member are operatively retained within the U-shaped column;
- e) e) a hydraulic cylinder;
- e) f) at least one cable having a securing end fastened substantially at the center position of the top cap of one of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns and further having a pulling end attached to the hydraulic cylinder; and

wherein the at least one cable is maintained within the U-shaped column and is routed through a pulley attached to the end block of the ~~on the end of one of the at least two~~ cross members— received within the U-shaped column, such that when operated, the hydraulic cylinder pulls said at least one cable through the pulley thereby raising the at least two cross members and the pair of ramps.

10. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 9, further comprising a plurality of spaced-apart locking tabs fixed in at least one of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns.

11. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 9, further comprising a locking mechanism fixed to at least one of the end blocks of the at least two cross members, adjacent the at least one U-shaped column having a plurality of spaced-apart locking tabs fixed therein, the locking mechanism further comprising a locking latch linked to a mechanical lever whereby actuation of the mechanical lever causes the locking latch to engage one of the plurality of spaced apart locking tabs in the U-shaped column, thereby preventing vertical movement of the cross member within the cross member receiver slot.

12. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 9, further comprising at least one tire block removably mounted on at least one of the spaced-apart ramps.

13. (Original) vehicle lift of claim 9, further comprising at least one drip tray removably mounted between the pair of spaced apart ramps.

14. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 9, further comprising a caster mounted adjacent the base of each of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns.

15. (Original) The vehicle lift of claim 9 further comprising a flexible slotted dust cover mounted over the cross member receiver slot of each of the four spaced-apart U-shaped columns.

16. Cancelled